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Agency Tracts

Control of education in the Agency tracts by the Revenue department.

* 472 *Q*.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state for how long the control of education in the Agency tracts has been vested in the Revenue department, and the advantages the new system has over the old one under which the control was vested in the Education department?

A.—The control of education in the Agency tracts was at no time vested solely in the officers of the Educational Department. It remained primarily with the Agents and the Special Assistant Agents who acted in consultation with the officers of the Educational Department. A separate Agency Educational Officer was assisting the Agency Commissioner, and later, the Agents until 1929, when the post was abolished. As it was found that the District Educational Officers could not efficiently perform the duties assigned to the Agency Educational Officer in addition to their work in the plains, the Government issued orders in December 1929 entrusting those duties so far as they related to elementary schools to the Special Assistant Agents, leaving the control of all secondary and training schools to the District Educational Officers concerned. The control of secondary and of training schools under Government management was, however, transferred to the Agents and the Special Assistant Agents, respectively, in 1931, the District Educational Officer's functions being confined to the periodical inspection of these institutions. District Educational Officers were able to spend little time in the Agency and were not in close touch with the special conditions in that area. Agents and Special Assistant Agents, on the other hand, frequently tour in the Agency and are well acquainted with the conditions of the schools and the educational needs of the inhabitants. They are, therefore, in a position to exercise better supervision over the schools.

Irrigation

The Tungabhadra Project.

* 473 *Q*.—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress made in the negotiations between the Madras Government and the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam regarding the long pending Tungabhadra Project;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Mettur Project is almost finished and, if not, whether the Government will state the time that is likely to be taken for the completion of all the works connected with the Mettur Project; and

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(c) whether it is true that the Government propose to transfer the plant and materials used in the Mettur Project to commence the operations connected with the Tungabhadra Project?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 428.

(b) The Mettur dam works are expected to be completed by September 1934.

(c) It is too early to say whether this should be done.

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—" In reply to my question yesterday the hon. the Revenue Member was pleased to state that the Chief Engineer was on leave and that he was unable to meet him. May I know when the hon. Member may be expected to meet the Chief Engineer? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I am afraid the hon. Member did not quite hear what I said yesterday. What I said was that the Hyderabad Chief Engineer was in Europe and therefore the Madras Chief Engineer could not meet him. Our Chief Engineer has been in correspondence with him to make an arrangement for meeting him since he returned to Hyderabad. After I replied the hon. Member yesterday, I saw our Chief Engineer, and he informed me that he is arranging to proceed to Hyderabad on the 5th February and to meet the Hyderabad Chief Engineer on the 6th February. I have written to the Resident asking him if it is possible to hold a Conference on the 9th or 10th February, at which I could meet representatives of the Hyderabad Government and the two Chief Engineers could be present."

Mr. W. O. Wright:—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether he will give the House an assurance that the economic possibilities of this will be considered before any expenditure is incurred on it by the Government? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" The question has been constantly before the Government whether any of the plant or materials could be used for the Tungabhadra Project or the Bhavani Project."

Kattalai Bed Regulator and the High Level Channel scheme.

* 474 Q.—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 358 given on 3rd November 1932—

(a) whether Rs. 20,37,250 represents the full amount of the estimate of the whole High Level Channel scheme or whether it is for only a part thereof;

(b) if the amount is only for a part, what the cost of the whole estimate will be and when the whole estimate will be ready;

(c) whether the works of the High Level Channel scheme are done piecemeal or whether they are entrusted on contract by tenders;